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- **2 Meter/ 70cm Net**.....at 09:30et on W3QV repeater
- **10-on-10 Net**at 10:00et 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM)
- **75 meter Net**at 10:20et 3.993 MHz LSB

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The club meets at 7:30 PM on the **second non-
holiday Wednesday** of every month except
July and August at

The Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill

801 Ridge Pike

Lafayette Hill, PA 19444-1799

All visitors are welcome!

License Examinations

are held on the **first non-holiday Thursday** each month
(except July and August) at

Northeast High School,

Cottman and Algon Streets, Philadelphia PA

Registration begins at 6:00 P.M. Enter through the SPARC
wing. Exams begin and doors closed and locked at **6:30 P.M.**

Sharp! Applicants should call Dusty ND3Q at 215-879-0505
(day) or 215 482 0386 (eve) for the latest information.

Club Stations

W3QV Club Repeater - Trustee: W3BBB

Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA

147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz ⇄ 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz

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Remember Double-Head Jones?

Whether you were around Phil-Mont in the early 60s or not, Melvin R. Jones, W3DHJ, was in every sense of the word the kind of person around whom legends are spun.

“Jonesy” was on loan to the area by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers while he served as Chief Post Engineer at the Valley Forge Army Hospital, and then at the Philadelphia Quartermaster Center. He arrived here like the eye of a hurricane and then, all too soon, he was gone again when he and his family

relocated to Colorado and retirement.

To know Mel was a rare treat and he was the quintessential amateur radio operator, a raconteur without parallel and a font of knowledge about radio.

Jonesy’s son, Marv, picked up his Dad’s call and, a chip off the old block, he continues to be the custodian of the family’s amateur radio tradition.

Whether or not you knew “Old Double-head” you should visit the Web page Marv has put up to honor his Dad.

More than 40 years have gone by since Mel Jones was in our midst but those of us who knew him still fondly retell stories about him.

-de W3ZXV

<http://jonz.net/W3DHJ/w3dhj.html>



100 Years of Voice Over Radio

"Hello" Campaign Provides Rallying Point to Promote Amateur Radio

ARRL HQ, NEWINGTON, CT, Mar 15, 2006--The first components of the ARRL's ["Hello"](#) Amateur Radio public relations campaign now are available. "This campaign will give hams the tools they need to reach out in their communities to non-hams and influence their perception of Amateur Radio," says ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP, who conceived the campaign and is its principal Headquarters contact.

The "Hello" campaign is aimed at recasting Amateur Radio in the light of the 21st century and focus on its universal appeal. At the same time, it will mark the 100th anniversary of what many historians consider the first voice radio broadcast in 1906 by Reginald Fessenden.

"For years, ARRL public information officers (PIOs) and others interested in promoting Amateur Radio have been looking for leadership and a rallying point from which we can join together in a major promotion for ham radio," Pitts said. *This is it!* Tools include a distinctive ["Hello"](#) Web site and radio and TV public service announcements.

Pitts describes the promotion is "quite simply the largest PR campaign that ham radio has ever

attempted." Based on the word "Hello," which he calls "possibly the most pleasant word in any language," the coordinated campaign will set "a positive, upbeat tone that highlights the international capabilities of Amateur Radio," he explained.

The ["Hello"](#) Web site is designed for *non*-hams to learn a little bit about Amateur Radio and to arouse more interest, Pitts explains. "We stay upbeat, positive and hopeful. Nothing threatening, too difficult or scary is included."

Offering a Warm Welcome

Pitts says the site points prospective Amateur Radio licensees to groups that have indicated they will provide a warm welcome to newcomers--a good "Hello!" The national "Hello" campaign can bring curious people into contact with ham radio groups, but it will be up to local radio amateurs to make them truly welcome, Pitts maintains.

"The key to creating a new ham operator is to develop a relationship with a current ham operator," says Pitts, who spent the better part of the past year meeting with various ham radio groups and

leaders to sort out "what could realistically be done" to make the campaign take off. Behind the effort is "an army of dedicated, truly motivated PIOs and others who want to see ham radio flourish," Pitts says.

"I believe that by placing good tools into your hands, you will use this opportunity to the fullest," he added. "There will be more to come as the year unfolds."

What's Available Now?

A series of 30-second radio public service announcements ([PSAs](#)) has been developed for the "Hello" campaign. The plan is make a new one available about every eight weeks. These "mini-commercials" for ham radio are already being played on dozens of stations across the country, and the numbers keep growing.

"You can help by downloading the PSAs from the ARRL Web site onto a CD and taking it to your own local radio station," Pitts suggests. A broadcast-quality video for the "Hello" campaign will be available in April.

Copies of the special four-page ["Hello" brochure](#) are available from ARRL Headquarters for use during presentations to non-ham groups. (Full details on the "Hello"





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campaign plus a pull-out copy of the brochure are available in the April issue of *QST*.) Pitts suggests the brochures are suitable for talks to schools, clubs, displays and other venues promoting Amateur Radio to the public. There is a space on the back page to add your local club info.

"For 100 years, the magic of the human voice over radio has brought imaginations to life. It opened a whole new era of human communication," the brochure declares, urging, "It's *your* world. Get on the radio and say "Hello." To obtain copies, [e-mail](#) the "Hello" campaign. Donations are welcome (make checks out to "ARRL") to help cover return postage to ARRL, Public Relations, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

"Hello" logo [bumper stickers](#) will be on sale through the ARRL on-line catalog. Buttons for the "Hello" campaign will be available at Dayton Hamvention and at other major Amateur Radio events. Banners for the "Hello" campaign will be flying at Dayton Hamvention and at the National Association of Broadcasters convention in April. After that, they will be made available for use at major events in 2006.

Ham Radio on the New Main Street

The "Hello" campaign will show that despite the Internet and other technologies, the possibility of being able to talk with everyday people around the world and sometimes in exotic locales--coupled with the surprise, art and uncertainty of DXing--remains a major attraction for Amateur Radio. The "Hello" campaign also will take advantage of FCC action--anticipated this year--to drop the Morse code requirement at least for General class applicants.

"ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, was correct in stating that the Main Street of today is not the same as the Main Street of yesteryear," Pitts says. "To reach out today, the very first requirement is that Amateur Radio operators be perceived as friendly and trustworthy. That's a true public relations goal and the primary focus of the campaign."



Philadelphia ARES will be meeting regularly on the fourth Monday of the month at Roxborough Memorial Hospital.

Roxborough Hospital Wycoff Auditorium is directly behind the Main Hospital building. The entrance is directly across from the loading dock. The hospital parking lot entrance is on Jamestown Street and is \$1.00 in the form of a DOLLAR BILL or 4 Quarters. After 6:30 there is usually area street parking.

First meeting: Monday, April 24th 7pm

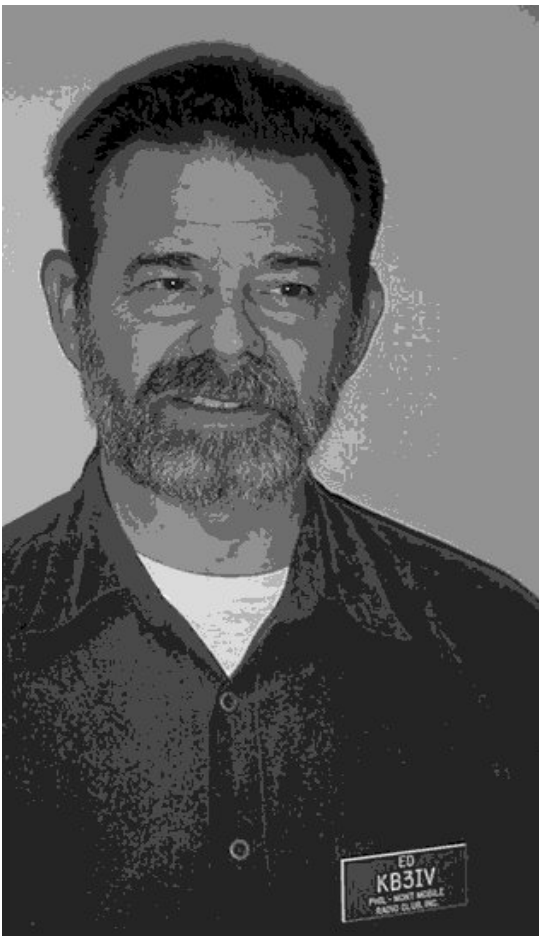
Field Day is Not Enough

Bob Josuweit, WA3PZO
CQ Public Service Editor

Worldwide disasters, a record hurricane season, and homeland security concerns have required amateur radio to be there. A banner year of news media coverage has created high expectations of the public service and emergency communications we provide.

Join Bob Josuweit, WA3PZO, who has reported on amateur radio emergency communications for international ham radio and emergency management magazines to learn Why Field Day training and publicity is not enough.

Bob is a member of an International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Emcomm workgroup. He has served as Eastern Pennsylvania Section Emergency Coordinator, Chairman of ARRL's former Public Service Advisory Committee and is a member of ARRL's Public Relations Committee.



The Prez Sez

--de Ed KB3IV, PMRC President

Greetings from the oval, no, mobile office. I think I spend more time in my car than any other place. The good part of that is I can listen and sometimes talk on the bands. I have some things to get out to our members, and this is a good forum to do that.

Many of you know Perry, W3PTB, who makes our meeting place available at The Masonic Village. Perry had open heart surgery on March 1. He suffered a stroke during or just after the procedure and has been in ICU since then. He is being helped with a breathing and

feeding tube. I have been in touch with his wife, Marion, every week to get an update. Needless to say, it has been quite stressful for her and the family. I spoke to her last on Sunday morning, March 26. Perry will be moved to a Rehab facility sometime this week, where he will have the care he needs to make a recovery. Marion told me that he appears much brighter and responds to the staff and family. He is not able to talk because of the trach tube. She sounds confident that he will be making progress once he gets to rehab. I will be speaking to her this week,

and pass along to our members his new location, so that you can send your well wishes along to him. We all wish Perry a speedy and complete recovery, and hope to hear his "Push The Button" back on the bands.

At the March meeting of Phil-Mont, we announced the status of W3AA. The Board Of Directors has decided to remove all of the club's equipment from the school. We will be leaving the operating console with W3YC's radios installed and in good working condition. We also will leave all antennas and coax in place. It is with deep regret that we take this action, but the lack of support from the Ham community and the school has placed a great burden on those who tried to keep things going. They could not do this task alone. W3YC will continue to be a viable part of Northeast High School's SPARC program. Phil-Mont will also be available to help out in any way if called to implement any special operation during the school year. We will reprint our letter to the school administration, informing them of our actions, in a future Blurb.

Now for some brighter news. Kudos to Larry, K3HWE, our Phil-Mont Emergency Coordinator. He has expanded his affiliation with SATERN to Philadelphia ARES Coordinator. The ARES Net now takes place every Sunday evening at 9:00PM on the PMRC VHF-UHF-Echolink system. The ARRL has initiated a program called "When All Else Fails" to inform the public of the availability and viability of

the Amateur Radio Service to respond to any and all emergency situations. We are able to establish and maintain communications where and when needed. Larry has put in a great amount of his time in this direction by taking courses and

arming himself with all that is needed to help others prepare themselves to participate. Please tune in to the net and let him know that you are there and willing to do your part.

Just a reminder that Field Day is closing in at great speed. By the time you receive this Blurb, it will be 90 days away. Let our FD Chairman, Carmen, KE3QB, know that you will be there and what bands you wish to work. This is the best kind of training for "When All Else Fails".

We have three meetings left before our summer break, and I would enjoy seeing the membership and guests attend. We have had some interesting programs and will continue to respond to your suggestions.

Ed
KB3IV

April Birthdays

01 Gene Pressler – W3ZXV*
05 Rob Moore – N2RM
07 Laura Giacchi - KB3LRA
David Staples - KB3HIU
08 Jackie Chedeville (XYL W3GQD)
15 Joan Clifford (XYL W3UY)
28 Gwen Patton - NG3P
30 Al Kaufmann - K3ZMJ
*New Member 2005

Membership Stats

At press time PMRC has:
86 Full paid members
8 Family members
0 Pending Members
0 Youth members
(under 17)
1 Honorary members

New Member:

Edmund H. Weinberg -
KC2OVR Nickname: Ed
22 Tanglewood Court
Freehold, NJ 07728
Phone: 732-620-1972
License Class: General.
Occupation: Veterinarian
Spouse: Linda



NEW DIRECTORY

With this BLURB you (members only) have received your 2006 P.M.R.C. Directory. If there are any errors in your listing please let me know (wb3koj@comcast.net) and the corrections will be printed in this column next month. The revised listing will also appear in the fall supplement



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VE Exam Session Statistics

for March 2, 2006

Two candidates took five elements, and we had two new amateurs. The VE team was chaired by Dusty Rhoads

ND3Q, and the other participating VEs were :

Bob Freer W3YLT

Jim McCloskey NS3K

Jack Coupe Jr. WA3BXN

Upcoming Exam Sessions:

April 6, 2006, May 4, 2006, June 1, 2006

(See page 2 for details)

The *application deadline*
is approaching for
Scholarships to assist
licensed radio amateurs
for the academic year 2006 – 2007
administered by
The Foundation for Amateur Radio
 (Including the PMRC-sponsored
Claude H. Haring, Jr., W3IIM Memorial and
Joann Hoch, N3FTC, Memorial Scholarships)

Additional information and an application
 form may be requested by letter or QSL card,
postmarked prior to April 30, 2006 from:

Diane Zimmerman AA3OF
FAR Scholarship Chairman
P. O. Box 831

Riverdale, MD 20738

<http://www.amateurradio-far.org/>

April 2006 with PMRC

Saturday 01	
Sunday 02	NCS: WU3I
Monday 03	
Tuesday 04	
Wednesday 05	PMRC Board meeting at WRDV
Thursday 06	
Friday 07	
Saturday 08	
Sunday 09	NCS:N3FH
Monday 10	
Tuesday 11	
Wednesday 12	General meeting RESCHEDULED to the 19 th
Thursday 13	
Friday 14	
Saturday 15	
Sunday 16	NCS:KB3IV
Monday 17	
Tuesday 18	
Wednesday 19	PRMC General Meeting at Masonic Village-see p2
Thursday 20	
Friday 21	
Saturday 22	
Sunday 23	NCS:N3OWM
Monday 24	Phila RACES meeting at Roxborough Mem Hospital
Tuesday 25	
Wednesday 26	
Thursday 27	
Friday 28	
Saturday 29	
Sunday 30	NCS:N3QV

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